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	4	4,772,287	09/1988	Ray et al.	
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	6	4,998,936	03/12/91	Mehdian	
	7	5,000,165	03/19/91	Watanabe	
	8	5,030,220	07/09/91	Howland	
	9	5,037,445	08/1991	Sander et al.	
	10	5,084,049	01/28/92	Asher et al.	
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	12	5,171,280	12/1992	Baumgartner	
	13	5,176,680	01/1993	Vignaud et al.	
	14	5,324,261	06/1994	Amundson et al.	
	15	5,342,361	08/1994	Yaun et al.	
	16	5,397,363	03/14/95	Gelbarb	
	17	5,470,336	11/1995	Ling et al.	
	18	5,474,551	12/12/95	Finn et al.	
	19	5,486,174	01/1996	Fournet-Fayard et al.	
	20	5,520,689	05/1996	Schlapfer et al.	
	21	5,556,429	09/1996	Felt	
	22	5,562,661	10/06/96	Yoshimi et al.	
	23	5,562,736	10/1996	Ray et al.	
	24	5,569,248	10/1996	Mathews	
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	32	6,102,912	08/15/00	Cazin et al.	
	33	6,106,530	08/2000	Harada	
	34	6,123,707	09/2000	Wagner	
	35	6,174,334	01/2001	Suddaby	
	36	6,176,882	01/2001	Bierdermann et al.	
	37	6,206,922	03/27/01	Zdeblick et al.	
	38	6,226,548	05/2001	Foley et al.	
	39	6,241,734	06/2001	Scribner et al.	
	40	6,280,456	08/2001	Scribner	
	41	6,296,644	10/02/01	Saurat et al.	
	42	6,306,177	10/2001	Felt et al.	
	43	6,332,894	12/2001	Stalcup et al.	
	44	6,395,034	05/2002	Suddaby	
	45	6,402,784	06/2002	Wardlaw	
	46	6,443,988	09/2002	Felt et al.	
	47	6,447,514	09/2002	Stalcup	
	48	6,530,926	03/2003	Davison	
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	52	2001/0004710	06/21/01	Felt et al.	
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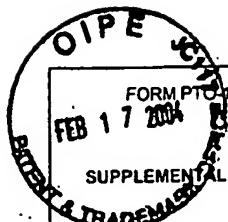
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